William Lafavette Thompson, of San Antonio, was born in Greensburg, La., October 1, 1840; came to Texas from St. Helena Parish, La., in 1874, and located at Seguin, subsequently removing to San Antonio; graduated at Florence Wesleyan University, Florence, Ala., in 1859, and in the law school of Louisiana; commenced the practice of law in St. Helena Parish, La., in 1865; served four years in the State Senate of Louisiana, from 1868 to 1873; elected to the House from Bexar county, as a Democrat, November, 1882, over Louis Grothaus, Republican, by 750 majority.